

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Ting-Mao Chao (Reg. #60,126) on April 6, 2010.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4 has been changed to read as follows:

4. (Currently Amended) The pump according to claim ~~3~~1 wherein the conveying means is arranged to convey fluid passing through the first pumping section and fluid passing through the third pumping section to a location intermediate the second pumping section and said at least one additional pumping section.

Claim 5 has been changed to read as follows:

5. (Currently Amended) The pump according to claim ~~3~~1 wherein the conveying means comprises a first conduit for conveying fluid passing through the first pumping section to a position intermediate the second and third pumping sections, and a second conduit for conveying fluid passing through the third pumping section to a location intermediate the second pumping section and said at least one additional pumping section.

The above changes have been made only to correct the dependencies of claims 4 and 5.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aaron R. Eastman whose telephone number is (571)270-3132. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 9:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Look can be reached on (571) 272-4820. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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